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Christmas 2020

For the December "12 days of Christmas" campaign the support received was far beyond our expectations, to each and every member of the community who donated items and their time **THANK YOU.**

Zonta House supported **209 Women** and **253 Children.** This was an increase on 2019 of over 30%.

Volunteers helped to sort, select and wrap gifts. Over 30 hours of work completed by 65 people.



Zonta House provided gifts for women and children, food hampers to not only cover Christmas Day but the days and weeks following. **Mineral Resources** generous donation was able to provide experiences vouchers for families including passes to movies, bowling, Perth Zoo and Adventure World ensuring families were able to spend quality time together making

memories. There was increase in assistance from new and existing supporters for the Zonta House Christmas appeal. Each year continues to grow and enables us to provide maximum support to women and their children through an extremely challenging and stressful time. Food, gifts, vouchers and experience vouchers were gifted from the community. We asked many of these people why did you decide to support Zonta House, many of which answered the COVID-19 pandemic made them realize the importance of supporting others and those less fortunate than themselves.



Premier Mark McGowan \$60mil FDV Announcement



Zonta House was pleased to welcome Premier Mark McGowan, Minister Simon McGurk MLA, Minister Sue Ellery MLC, Dr Jags Labor Candidate for Riverton and Hon Kate Doust MLC at our Head Office on 10th February 2021 to announce the Labor Governments \$60mil Family and Domestic Violence election commitment as well as make the daily COVID cases announcement.

The Premier took the time to thank the team, many of which were staff from our two 24/7 Refuges, for their work as a Frontline Service Workers and for the support given to women and their families during the pandemic.

Zonta House congratulates the Labor Government at recognizing the need for a multi-dimensional approach to addressing Family and Domestic Violence and the vast impact it has on individuals, families and the community.

We acknowledge everyone in the community who has prioritized FDV as an urgent issue and most of all acknowledge the experiences and voices of victims/survivors and their families. This commitment would provide an increase in safety and support for victims/survivors, bring change to systems that can cause harm, create more behaviour change opportunities for perpetrators and educate the community.

It is important to remember as individuals, organisations and the community that we all have a responsibility to contribute to ending Family and Domestic Violence.



Community Service Excellence Awards (CSEA)



Zonta House are proud to be named one of four finalists in the 2021 Community Services Excellence Awards in the category "medium sized organisation" CSEA recognise the outstanding work and achievements of the community service sector in WA, and commemorates the positive difference made to people, families, and communities through innovative and creative practice.

Congratulations to **Midlas** for their contribution to the community and for their program "The Plenty Project" a free vending machine that dispenses tinned food, toiletries, and sanitary items. The awards are a partnership between WACOSS and the Department of Communities and are supported by Lotterywest. Congratulations to all the finalists!

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a celebration of women and all their achievements. It is a time to celebrate women in our community and workplaces and also a time to thank all the women who have walked before us and for their work in helping pave the way for the rights we all have today.

Women leaders are making a difference, every day. The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the disproportionate burdens that women carry and the centrality of women's contributions to decision making. Across the globe, women are leading organisations and institutions carrying out effective and inclusive COVID-19 responses, from the highest levels of decision-making through to frontline service delivery. Women bring different experiences, perspectives and skills to the table, and make invaluable contributions to decisions, policies and laws that work better for all.

#ChooseToChallenge Raise your hand high to show you're in and that you commit to choose to challenge and call out inequality. A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.



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Women's March4Justice

An incredible 3,000 people turned out to March in Perth CBD in the first of the country wide **Women's March4Justice**. Zonta House watched and marched along with many of our colleagues, friends and supporters in support.



The protesters demanded action against gendered violence and sexual assault. Rally organisers want the McGowan government to introduce laws against coercive control, a strategic form of ongoing oppression and terrorism used to instill fear. The abuser will use tactics, such as limiting access to money or monitoring all communication, as a controlling effort.

"Today and everyday we advocate, support and go to battle with the women and families we are here for. We get tired but we get back up again and again and again because that is what is right and that is what is just. But we need help – we need to change the story. So we will try and contribute to the greater discussion that needs to be had and support the voices that need to be heard. For healing, for safety and for equality.

We stand in solidarity demanding change to the systems, policies and power that continually enables violence, abuse, assault and harassment of women in workplaces, homes and in the community. I don't want to wait twenty years – we need change now and we need leadership in our country to make this a priority and to take immediate action" - Kelda Oppermann CEO

Threads of Change – Wool Donations



Zonta House have been fortunate to receive ongoing financial support from **Threads of Change** over the past 3 years which has been used to part fund the "Future Employment Connections (FEC)" program. Helen and her talented group of members knit fantastic tea cosies and sell at markets and shops including **Uniquely Toodyay** using donated wool and other materials. The knitting group meet to chat knit and create over a cup of tea each month.

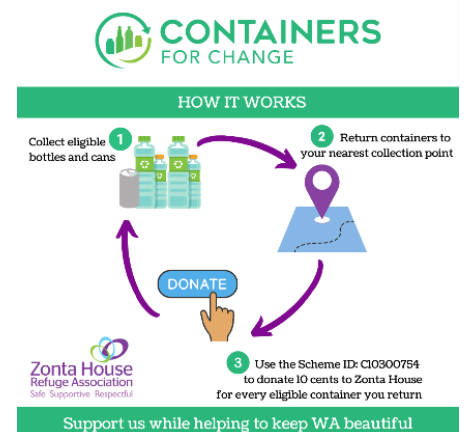
Do you have any wool which would you like to donate to help support this project? Donations can be dropped off to our Willetton Head Office.

Containers for Change

You can now return eligible containers for 10c each through Containers for Change WA and donate to Zonta House. Most aluminum, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage.

Since the scheme started Zonta House have received **\$253.10** from a number of community members which equates to **2,531** returned containers!

Make a note of our scheme ID in your phone to make it even easier to support and donate **C10300754**.



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